



IMPACT ICT COC

Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care

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WHAT IS A CONTINUUM OF CARE?

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community led and administered effort to end homelessness, across the full spectrum of homelessness: unstably housed to stably housed in permanent housing.

WHO IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE?

Impact ICT COC is made up of nonprofits, government entities, businesses, persons with lived experience of homelessness, and community stakeholders who want to end homelessness.



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OUR VISION

Homelessness should be **rare, brief, and nonrecurring** for **all our neighbors in Sedgwick County.**

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Homelessness should be:

- **RARE:** Homelessness should be rare because of rental assistance and financial stability.
- **BRIEF:** If people become homeless, it shouldn't be for a long time.
- **NONRECURRING:** When people are housed, they shouldn't return to homelessness.
- **ALL NEIGHBORS:** Everyone that is unhoused in our community is our neighbor and deserves housing.
- **SEDGWICK COUNTY:** We focus our efforts on Wichita and Sedgwick County.

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HOW DO WE DEFINE SUCCESS?



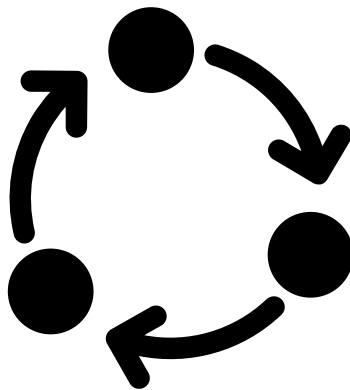
Success is defined by reaching **functional zero** – we have less people entering homelessness than we have *leaving* homelessness.

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HOW DO WE GET TO FUNCTIONAL ZERO?

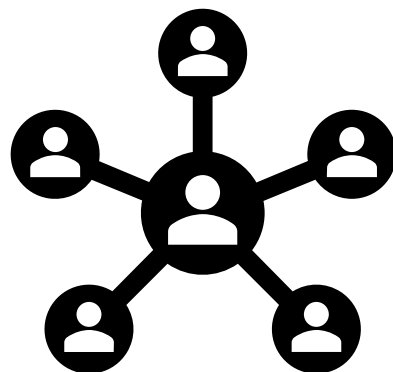
- Know everyone in the homeless community **By Name** and **By Need**
- Use that information to build housing resources that meet the need
- Focus on one part of the population at the time, and fix what doesn't work



CORE COMPETENCIES OF THE COC



Homeless Prevention &
Shelter Collaboration



Community Data
Management & Reporting



Housing Navigation



Grant Compliance &
System Coordination

HOMELESS PREVENTION & SHELTER COLLABORATION



The United Way of the Plains works with shelters, outreach programs, and homeless prevention programs to encourage best practices and collaboration amongst providers of homeless services and rent/utility assistance.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT – BASIC NEEDS

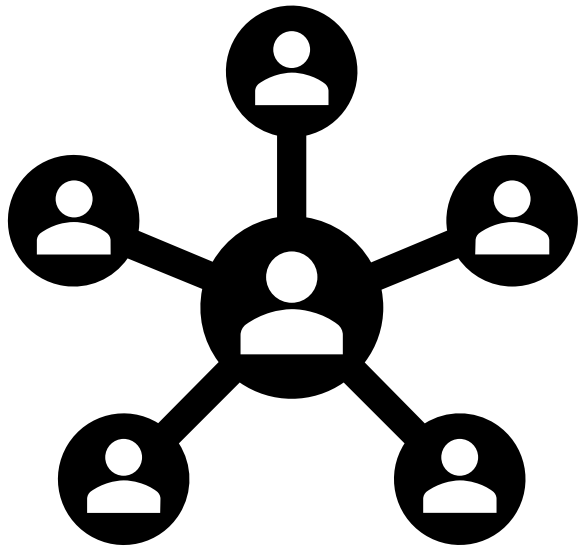
The Community Impact Manager for Basic Needs provides leadership for the Continuum of Care, Homeless Services, and Rent/Utility Assistance programs

- Supervises HMIS, Coordinated Entry, and CoC teams
- Oversees the Textron Aviation Uplift Fund
- Manages the Homeless Pet Owners assistance fund
- Builds and maintains strong relationships with non-profit partners that want to end homelessness



Matt Lowe
Community Impact Manager-
Basic Needs

COMMUNITY DATA MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING



The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a community-wide database for collecting and sharing client data and reporting on the state of homelessness in Sedgwick County.

THE HMIS TEAM

United Way of the Plains is the HMIS Lead for the Continuum of Care

- Provides training on HMIS
- Monitors Client Data Quality and system usage
- Reports on Project Efficacy to the CoC, local partners, and the Federal Government



Steve Burt
HMIS Administrator



Karmen Lewis
HMIS Data Entry



Vacant
HMIS
Administrator
Associate

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HOUSING NAVIGATION

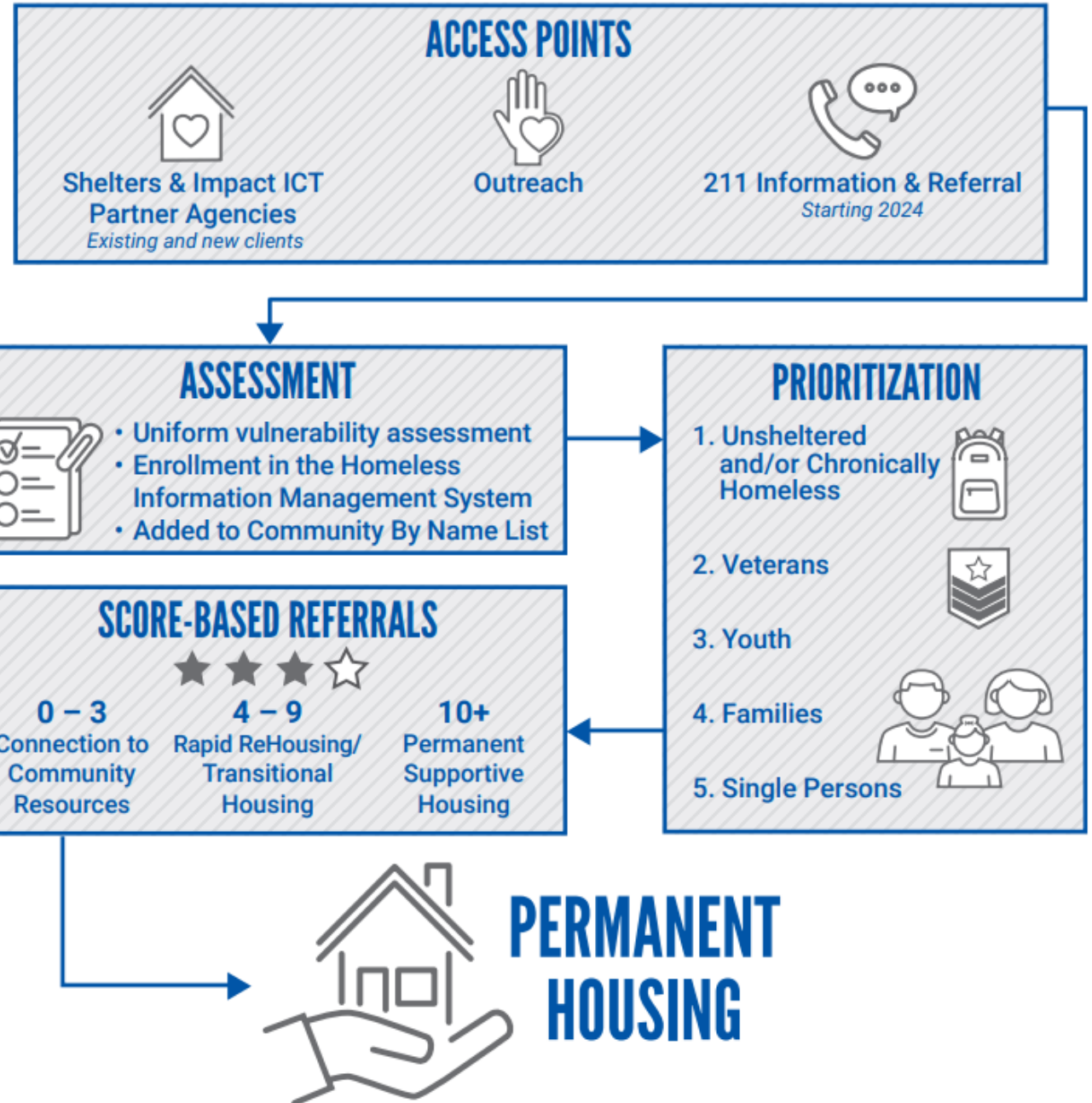


To ensure the most vulnerable are served first and a maximization of all community resources, UWP manages the Coordinated Entry System, from homeless to housed.

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HOW DOES COORDINATED ENTRY WORK?



THE COORDINATED ENTRY TEAM

- United Way of the Plains is the Coordinated Entry Lead for the CoC
 - Provides training on Coordinated Entry
 - Manages the By Name List and Referrals to housing openings
 - Coordinates monthly case conferencing on clients
 - Manage Foster Youth to Independence Initiative
 - Manage Comparable Domestic Violence Database for survivor safety



Jaraya Reynolds
Lead CE Navigator



Tyra Miles
DV CE Navigator

GRANT COMPLIANCE & SYSTEM COORDINATION



The Lead Agency acts as the Collaborative Applicant for the annual CoC Grant and ensures the CoC is compliant with HUD guidelines and responsibilities.

COC PLANNING & OPERATIONS

- United Way of the Plains is the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC
 - Staffs the CoC Advisory Board and Steering Committee
 - Manages the Committee work of the CoC
 - Manages the PIT Count, Housing Inventory Count, and site monitoring
 - Manages the annual Grant Competition & Application
 - Manages Day-to-Day operations of the CoC, including internal grant requirements



Cole Schnieders
CoC Planning
Manager



Pending HUD Approval
CoC Planning
Associate

COC COMMITTEES

- United Way of the Plains coordinates Committees to do the work of the CoC
 - Ad Hoc Committees (as needed)
 - Alliance of Overlooked Neighbors (PWLE)
 - Coordinated Entry
 - Case Conferencing
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - HMIS & Data
 - Landlord Engagement
 - Veteran
 - Youth

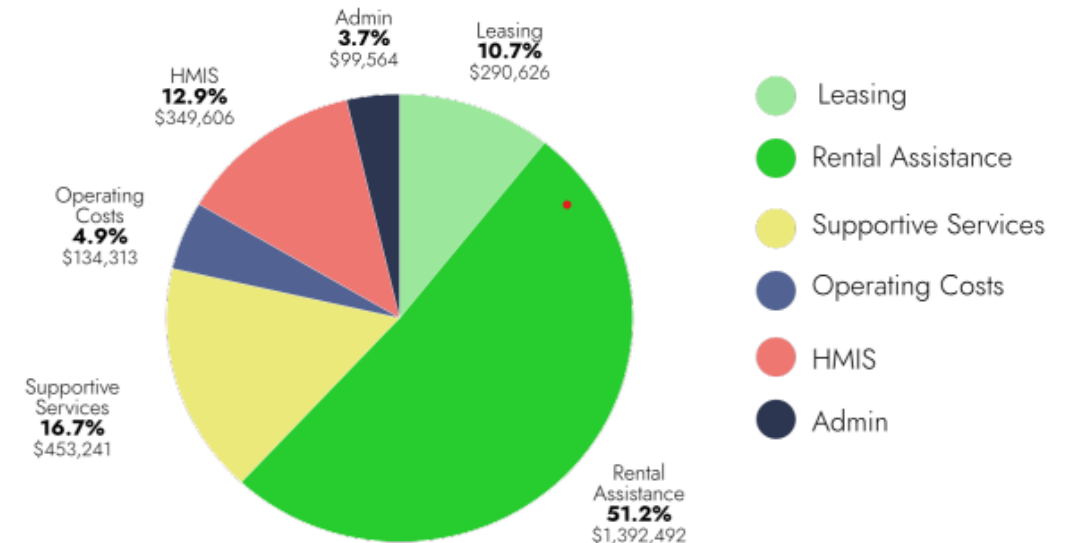
THE WORK OF THE COC SUPPORTS THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

In 2022, the CoC:

- Identified 690 unhoused persons during the Point in Time Count
- Served 3,092 homeless persons through emergency shelter and transitional housing, street outreach, and housing services
- Housed or kept 1,042 persons in housing
- Provided 107,100 instances of service to persons experiencing homelessness

WICHITA \$2,719,842

2021 Census 523,828



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